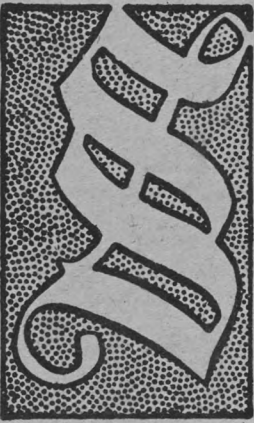
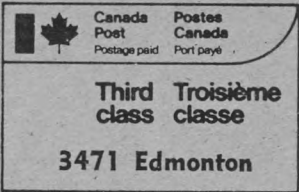
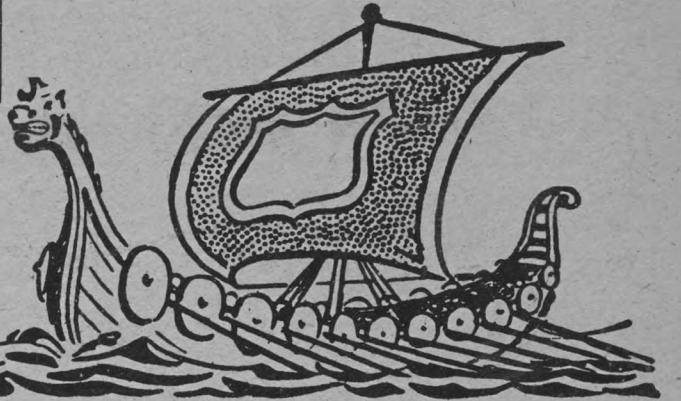


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## Scandinavian Centre Shares Still Available..... Price may increase in future

The Scandinavian Centre is pleased to announce that there are shares still available at the original price of \$50.00.

The shares first went on sale in 1954, when an enthusiastic group of Scandinavians in the Edmonton area worked together to form the Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association. Through the sale of shares they

raised enough money to purchase 3.25 acres of land and build a beautiful Centre containing meeting rooms and banquet facilities. It is now 13 years since the Centre was officially opened, and although the present value

of the Centre and the property is close to \$2 million, a share can still be purchased for the sum of \$50.00! And folks, that's a real bargain!

Shareholders receive the Scandinavian Centre Newspaper each month free of charge. Share-

holders are also welcome to join the Viking Social Club which was formed two years ago and presents social functions throughout the year. It also sponsors monthly get-togethers featuring food and music from the different Scandinavian countries.

A dream of the Club Viking is a permanent social club open seven days a week, and a daily smorgasbord.

The Scandinavian Centre is located at 142 Street and 125 Avenue — Drop in and look us over — Or phone us at 453-5145.

### Our Member Associations: Their Activities



#### Sons of Norway

Sons of Norway is an international fraternal organization with a local lodge membership of 345.

Its primary purpose is to foster and preserve all that is good in our Norwegian culture and heritage. Each year the five Alberta lodges sponsor a family cultural arts and language camp where cooking, handicrafts, rose-maling, and the Norwegian language are taught.

The Men's Club (Torske Klubben) meets the first Tuesday

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As of next year the Edmonton Finnish Society will have been active for 25 years. Every year the Executive Committee faithfully sits through long meetings organizing parties, fishing derbies, etc.

One of the most popular parties has always been the Christmas Dance. The good Finnish food and the Christmas music brings back a lot of beautiful memories from the time we spent Christmases in Finland.

Another popular event is our Vappu Dance. Everybody surely gets the spring feeling while

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#### Vasa Lodge Skandia

The Vasa Order of America originated in America around 1896. It's purpose at that time was to help new Swedish immigrants find companionship in their new country. Later sick benefit developed as a need for this arose.

From the Eastern States it spread into the Western States and Canada. There are also Vasa Lodges in Sweden.

Our Edmonton Lodge had its start in 1929 when several persons saw the need for such an organization in our city and gathered together to discuss its possibilities. There were already one or two Vasa Lodges in Alberta at that time.

Some of these same pioneers of our Lodge were far-sighted enough to see that purchasing property at Pigeon Lake would be a good investment. Members could lease lots and build cottages, and we would have a place for our summer camps for our juniors. So, with the purchase of this land in 1947, Vasa Park became a reality.

We have never looked back since our beginning, and although sick benefit is not so necessary today what with Medicare, we have many other areas in which to work. We promote good citizenship. We have weaving classes, Swedish Learn to Speak classes, Ladies' Auxiliary, Children's Club, Folk Dancers, bowling and curling clubs, among others.

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#### Icelandic Society

The Icelandic Society of Edmonton was started just over 23 years ago, primarily as a social organization, with the added aim of preserving, where possible, the culture and language of Iceland among the second, third, and now fourth generation Icelandic Canadians.

The Society, also known as the Nordurljos Chapter of the Icelandic National League, usually has a membership of just over 100 families, including honorary and out-of-town members.

The social calendar usually includes at least one dance a year, sometimes held with one of the other Scandinavian societies. An annual picnic on or near June 17th is held at Markerville, Alberta, in company with the Markerville and Calgary Icelandic Societies.

A Fjallkona is chosen each year from among the ladies active in Society affairs. She wears the Fjallkona costume and acts as hostess and representative of the Society at certain functions, one of which is the annual children's Christmas party.

The Society participates in Scandinavian Centre activities such as Heritage Day celebrations, the New Year's Party, and Scandapades.

An active segment of the Icelandic Society is the singing group, the Saga Singers. They are a mixed-voice choir, singing in Icelandic and English. They are directed and accompanied by Della Roland. They entertain at

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#### Danish Society

The Danish Society "DANIA" has 210 paid-up members.

Major events during the year are four to five dinner parties at which we serve smorrebrod and later dance to the best bands in Edmonton. The next two events will be a dinner and dance on October 22, 1977, and the New Year's Party on January 7, 1978.

A monthly whist-drive is held from September through April with a wind-up party on April 28, 1978, when whist players meet for two hours of cards followed by a chat over a cup of coffee or tea along with small sandwiches and cake. Four prizes are awarded monthly for high and low score for ladies and gentlemen. The cost is only \$1.00 a month, and the whist-drives are held at the Scandinavian Centre in the "DANIA" Room.

The first one of the season is coming up soon — September 13th at 8:00 p.m. .... we'd be glad to have you come out even if you are not a member yet.

There will also be a Bingo held on November 30, 1977.

The children's Christmas Party will be held on December 18, 1977, with lots of goodies for the children as well as free gifts. This is for children of paid-up members.

Ideas for more functions are always welcome from our mem-

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The Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre extend their sincere sympathy to Edith and Bill Peterson on the recent loss of Edith's mother.

### EDMONTON BEACH LAKE LOT RAFFLE

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# SPLINTERS from the BOARD

**Centre Operation**  
The Board has arranged with Roy Sundby to have the grounds kept neat and tidy for the rest of the summer, and we are sure that anyone who has been there recently will see the improvement.

The floor in the Viking Room will be commercially cleaned and sealed during the month of September; I think we can all recall what that floor looked like when Tom Nielsen was the manager, and we would like to see it at least come close to looking that way again.

**Catering**  
Our food service is going fairly well and we are presently attempting to build up a competent banquet staff.

The Department of Manpower and Immigration has approved our job offer to Borge Velling and have forwarded the necessary documents to Copenhagen. We have now done all we can at this end and we are hopeful that Borge will be granted Landed Immigrant status in a reasonably short time.

**Development**  
The Board has been informed by the City of Edmonton that they will require all our property for the Yellowhead Highway development, rather than a portion of it as shown on the first plans. Meetings will be held with the City Land Department during the coming weeks, and all the alternatives open to us will be thoroughly investigated.

**Lottery**  
It is too early to report on the lake lot raffle at this time, but it should swing into full gear during the month of August.

**Scandinavian Centre News**  
To date approximately 30 non-shareholder lodge members have indicated they wish to receive the paper.

The lateness of this issue has been the result of unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances. Edith Peterson, who will eventually become the editor of the paper, has also been working in the Centre office on the two days that Betty Haugen does not work. Unfortunately, early in August Edith's mother became seriously ill in Winnipeg. Betty Haugen was on vacation for the last two weeks of August. That left an empty Centre office. So Eileen Peterson worked in the office, and there was just simply not enough time to get the paper out at the end of the month.

Edith will be back shortly, and the October paper will be out on time.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSE			
Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association Limited			
Six Months ended June 30, 1977			
INCOME			
Hall rentals		\$13,956	
Food sales (from April 15)		39,550	
Corkage		9,102	
Catering commissions (to April 15)		7,326	
Miscellaneous		862	
			\$70,796
EXPENSES			
Cost of food sold	\$15,507		
Wages - kitchen and banquet	13,285	\$28,792	
Advertising		1,507	
Repairs and maintenance		5,734	
Salaries and benefits		11,961	
Casual wages		5,745	
Taxes and insurance		6,249	
Utilities and telephone		3,169	
Mix		2,623	
Supplies		4,833	
Office and other		1,399	72,012
Hall Loss before Depreciation		\$ 1,216	
OTHER			
Newspaper loss		\$ 2,656	
Audit		400	
Meetings expense		643	
Scandapades '77 profit	( 661)		
Charter flights profit	( 4,217)	( 1,179)	
Net loss before Depreciation		\$ 37	

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BECAME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1977

	Viking Room	Nordic Room	Dania Room
Friday and Saturday Nights	\$165	\$85	\$55
Sunday morning to Thursday Night	70	40	15
DECEMBER ONLY			
Sunday morning to Thursday Night	150	75	50
Friday and Saturday Nights— as above			

When meals are made by a group and require the use of the kitchen, there will be a 50 cents per person surcharge, or the minimum rental rate, whichever is greatest. In such a case, however, the ethnic group does not have exclusive use of the kitchen. Corkage will be charged in all cases where tickets are sold at a rate of 80 cents per person (10 cents below commercial rate).

The above rates apply to all uses with the exception of Executive Meetings and cultural activities.

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# VASA LODGE SKANDIA



by Gertie Holmgren

Our regular August meeting was held in the club house at Vasa Park on August 6th with Chairman Ray Nyroos in the chair.

Evelyn Modin was reported sick; we hope she is better by now. Mary Pearson reported having visited Pearl Hober who is now 90 years old and not too well, and who would appreciate a visit from some of our members. I also learned that Lorne and Miriam Weiss had a baby girl some time in June, I think.

Milton Fawcett reported that the problems about campers had been straightened out. Linnea Lodge's report on the Heritage meeting was very interesting. A lot of items were reported missing and most were immediately located again. Things get borrowed and reborrowed and borrowed again until finally the original owner is not known.

Michael Collins and his son, Greg, along with Hank Berken-Bosche, were initiated into our Order; a big welcome to all of you!

A dance hosted by Don Samuelson followed the meeting and was well attended.

## Tennis Tournament

Don also organized a doubles tennis tournament on Saturday and Sunday. The juniors competition in this tournament took place on Saturday morning, the winners being Danny Pearson and Mitch Fix of the Calmar district. They received a tennis game as their prize.

The senior competition took place on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Two ladies appeared from outer space, or at least by their attire I presumed they were from outer space, to officially open the tournament. They had quite a problem serving as they did not have regulation raquets and balls.

The tournament winners were Gary Johnson and Pete Karpuk, and they were presented with a trophy by Don Samuelson. Ken McEvoy presented the runners up, Ron Eliasson and Jim McDonald, with a trophy. He congratulated Don Samuelson on organizing the event and said he hoped it would be an annual event.

Our thanks to Don for a job well done; also to all those who helped Don with a very enjoyable and successful week-end. We hope it is the first of many more such week-ends.

## Visitors

Geri Collins and sons Gary and Eric from New Mexico visited Geri's parents, Don and Evelyn Johnson, at Pigeon Lake for several weeks. Jim and Brian, and Brian's wife, Wendy, and small daughter also visited one week-end. Geri also attended a nursing class reunion in Calgary.

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Don and Joyce Williams visited Tom and Dianne Pearson at Vasa Park one week-end in August. Don is Dianne's brother.

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Gerd Hanson and her friend, Inger Gunnarson, from Blekinge, Sweden, visited Gerd's great uncle and aunt, Oscar and Win-

nie Pearson, for almost four weeks. While here they enjoyed a trip to Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper; also a few week-ends at Vasa Park. They also enjoyed meeting all the young people in the Pearson family, as well as their many friends. These two girls were very happy, outgoing, fluent in English, and the greatest toast eaters in the world.

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Svante Granath and Mikael Hoglund from Stockholm were also visitors at Vasa Park a couple of week-ends. While there they competed in the tennis tournament and played baseball another week-end. These two young boys came to Canada to canoe some of our rivers. They spent 43 days on the Athabasca River and while on this canoe trip met 14-year-old Robert Skov who was camped at Athabasca. As it was raining, he asked them to share his tent trailer as they had only a pup tent. While in Edmonton they were visitors in the Skov home. These boys came to Western Canada to see the wilderness and wild life, and through Robert's kindness ended up at Vasa Park.

At the time of this writing they are off again to canoe down another river, this time into B.C. I hope to hear from them again, as they have promised me something for the Scandinavian Centre News. They extend their thanks to all at Vasa Park who were so kind to them on their two visits there.

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Smiley Weller of St. Albert spent a week at Vasa Park as a guest of the McRaes.

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Clarence and Dot Hornsby of White Rock, B.C., were visitors at Vasa Park visiting daughter and son-in-law Charlotte and Roy Samuelsson.

## Travellers

Marnie Knudsen and Shirley Huffman travelled to Calgary to visit Marnie's parents.

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Margaret Engvall and her sister, Sylvia Petterson of Wetaskiwin, travelled to Churchill, Manitoba, to visit another sister. Margaret found it to be a very interesting trip.

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Lennart and Joan Petersson left for Sweden to be there for daughter Sandra's birthday on July 28th. Sandra will return to Canada with them.

## Welcome Back

To Anna and Ragnar Roos who reported having had a lovely trip to Sweden, except that it was rainy.

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Also welcome back to Erik Pierre and cousin Erik Olsson. Erik says if you go to Sweden this year you need a suitcase full of money and a rain coat. So what's new?

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Winnie Pearson and I, along with the two girls from Sweden,

spent a very enjoyable hour or two at the farm of Glen and Darlene Pearson. Darlene's hobby is raising birds like Guinea Hens, etc. It was most interesting.

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Greg Collins, 16-year-old son of Mike and Lil Collins, has been busy this year helping to organize the Silver Beach Junior Race, Saturdays.

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Roy and Charlotte Samuelson were married 25 years ago on August 26th. To celebrate the occasion, a family dinner was held at the Londonderry Inn on August 13th, and on August 14th Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fosbakken had a dinner in their honour. As an anniversary gift, the family will finish the cottage at the lake for their parents.

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I heard through the grape vine that one of our very young friends (I think he's 8 years old) went to a wedding and fell madly in love with a sweet young thing.

## Farewell Message from Inger and Gerd

We, Inger and Gerd, would like to thank all the people of Vasa Lodge at Pigeon Lake for

## Beware a Rap on the Ceiling

Concerned about prolonged noisy hammering in the apartment above them, a family in Stockholm's suburbs called the police expressing fear that someone was probably trying to knock a hole in their ceiling.

By the time the police arrived the hole had been made. The perpetrator said simply that he was looking for his rabbit, which was lost. He said he had asked all his neighbours if they had seen it. All, that is, but this one family that had not opened its doors to him. So the best way to establish contact with them, he reasoned, was to go through their ceiling.

Because the man was not quite sober, the police took his tools and told him to go to bed. Several hours later the family again summoned the police because their upstairs neighbour was hoisting down a beer bottle and telephone receiver through the gaping hole. The police came again and admonished the strange neighbour in sterner terms.

After another few hours, water cascading through the hole elicited a third call for help from the beleaguered family. The man claimed he had to extinguish a fire. But before the law returned to the scene, the man had fled.

**Cactus Galore in Sweden.** The Karl Johan park in Sweden's Norrkoping has the world's largest cactus display — over 45,000 plants including almost 2,000 different species. They vary in size from miniature plants to 4 meter high trees.

**Sweden's Gota Canal To Have Face Lift.** The old Gota Canal between Stockholm and Gothenburg has a number of locks which have always been operated manually — often with the aid of passengers travelling by the old canal boats. But now all lock gates will be electrified, and they will open and close by pressing a button.

## VASA LODGE SKANDIA

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From time to time one or more group is inactive because of lack of leadership, but they are available within our Order.

Most of our summertime activities take place at our property at Pigeon Lake, where we have a club house which is often bursting at the seams no matter how many times we enlarge it. Here we hold dances several times during the summer. We have fun on the baseball diamond, and recently we had a week-end doubles tennis tournament. We have been hosts to Swedish exchange students and other Swedish tourists who have come this way. Patients from St. Joseph's hospital also make several trips to Vasa Park during the summer.

In the fall, with summer activities over, we hold an annual smorgasbord when we try to serve authentic Swedish cuisine.

Christmas is also a time for customs. One of the Swedish traditions is Sancta Lucia, and on or about December 13th we hold a Sancta Lucia Pageant. The last two years, because of good leadership in this area, we have been able to present a Lucia Pageant in a more authentic way. Those people involved in this Pageant spend long hours travelling through the city to the City Centre, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, etc. Look for the Sancta Lucia Pageant again this year on or about December 13th.

To become a member in the Vasa Lodge one must be of Scandinavian origin either by birth or marriage, and be recommended by a member in good standing who personally knows the person seeking membership.

some wonderful week-ends. We visited Oskar and Winnie Pearson for nearly a month, and they took us along to many nice places such as Banff and Jasper, and of course to their nice cabin at The Lake.

It was really interesting to meet Swedes which had lived in Canada for a long time and listen to their stories from their first years here. Everybody was so nice and friendly, and so easy to talk to.

We tried to play tennis, we went water skiing and played football. At the 6th of August Don Samuelsson arranged a tennis tournament, and in the evening a dance which we enjoyed very much. Thanks, Don!

To the winners of the tournament we would like to say, well done! And to the boys who nearly won: beat them next year!

We have got so many wonderful memories to take home to Sweden. For example, the visit to Glen and Darlene Pearson's farm. They showed us how a farm works here, and we really enjoyed the morning we spent with them. Thanks, Glen and Darlene!

When you are dreaming about Sweden we will dream about Canada and Pigeon Lake.

To, to Oskar and Winnie Pearson, to aunt Gertie, to the best hunter in the world, to the best tennis player at Pigeon Lake, to our very good friends, Suzy, Danny, Julie and Kim, and to all you "guys" who made our visit something we'll never forget.

Thank you, and don't forget us,

Inger, Gerd

P.S. — We'll be back.



## The glorious beer of Copenhagen



# SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



## Upcoming Events —

Western Barbecue and Dance — September 10, 1977. Bring your own steak ..... the trimmings are provided. Watch for further news in the newsletter.

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Visiting the Tychsen family this summer was Sven's nephew

summer was Sven's nephew, Knud Tychsen, from Slagelse, Denmark. Sven, Orla and family took Knud to the mountains; however, Randi had to stay behind as she was recuperating from an emergency operation. I'm happy to report that Randi is fit as a fiddle and back at work.

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Dale and Olga McBride have returned from a week's vacation in Penticton.

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Visiting Molly Cooper this summer from Egersund, Norway, was Casper Feyling. While here he attended a 25th Wedding Anniversary party for Arnold and Jewel Hafso at the home of Stan and Min Hafso. It was also Gordon and Stan Hafso's birthday. Over 53 relatives and friends attended.

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Visiting Gordon and Ardis Hafso were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hall from North Hollywood, California. Their son, Scott Hafso, spent a month visiting friends in California.

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Ruth Hammerstad has moved to the senior citizens' home in Hythe, Alberta.

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On the July 30th weekend Sig and Selma Sorenson attended a reunion in Compeer, Alberta. This is where Sig grew up, and it was fun to see everyone. Approximately 2,500 people attended.

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Del, Doreen and Darlene Melsen have returned from attend-

ing a family reunion and wedding in Kelowna, B.C. Darlene travelled on to Vancouver to visit her brother and his family.

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Knut, Rose and Cory Svidal have returned from a week's holiday to Radium Hot Springs, Fairmont and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Earlier this summer Knut and Rose attended the reunion of Whittaker School near Coronation, Alberta. This was the school that Knut attended when he was growing up, and it was great for him to see all his former classmates. Former teachers attended too, some from as far away as Nova Scotia and Ontario.

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Many of the Sons of Norway ladies assisted in escorting handicapped children around the Exhibition Grounds during Klondike Days. This was organized by the Exhibition Board, and I'm told everyone had a very good time — children and ladies alike.

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Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Quale from Swift Current, Saskatchewan, have been visiting Gladys and Emeth Clark. Mr. Quale is Gladys' brother. Also visiting the Clarks during the summer were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sorenson from Lloydminster, Saskatchewan; Mr. and Mrs. Garthe Banks from Medford, Utah; and Mrs. A. Swanson and children from Metiskow, Alberta.

## Biffy of Future a Real Shocker?

An electric, self-contained toilet which eliminates flushing, lingering odors and all the piping of the normal household necessity is under serious consideration by the Government of British Columbia.

Municipal Affairs Minister, James Lorimer, said the new waterless machine might contain the answer to exorbitant sewage treatment costs.

The Minister's comment came during a meeting of municipalities when the problem of treating sewage in isolated pockets of developable land was raised. It was stated that financing of water and sewage systems for such pockets of land is almost prohibitive because growth in the areas is limited.

The revolutionary new toilet may solve that problem.

Colin Palmer of the Powell River Regional District told the meeting that his district's environment committee has been investigating a Swedish toilet sold for about \$500 that is used by many Swedish and Norwegian households and businesses.

He stated that it uses no water, no more power than a refrigerator, and you empty the soil once a year and put it on your roses.

He pointed out that the waste is reduced to dust by both the bacterial action and the use of an electrical coil. A small exhaust fan takes care of any odor through the pipe leading to the outside of the house.

Mr. Palmer said that the beauty of the new unit is that homes can be built on rocks because the need to link up to the sewer is eliminated.

He also noted that the federal government recently bought 200 of the Swedish toilets for experimental use in the Arctic.

## Youth Hostels in Norway

There are about 130 youth hostels in Norway, situated all over the country — in towns and villages, in the fjord country and in the mountain ranges. Many are built especially for the purpose, with all modern conveniences, while the majority are in schools, farms and pensions. The atmosphere is truly international. Youth hostels in Norway provide something more than just bed and board: Camp fires with general sing-along and indoor discussions around the open hearth create an ideal background to a scenic tour of Norway, and many chance encounters at these youth hostels have resulted in lasting friendships.

Young ski buffs who put emphasis on snow and sun instead of luxurious living, can do no better than having a ski vacation at one of Norway's modern youth hos-

tels in the company of young visitors from many other countries. Advance reservations are essential during the ski season, but are not necessary in summer. You may hire skis, poles and boots, either per day or per week.

Members of the Canadian Youth Hostels Association (see phone book for local address) are admitted to all Norwegian youth hostels providing they bring their CYH pass. There is no age limit, and visitors may arrive on foot, or by car or bike.

The Norwegian Youth Hostel Association (Dronningensgate 26, Oslo 1) will be glad to send you a copy of their annual handbook, which gives complete details about all hostels in Norway; also a handy reference map which shows the location of all hostels.

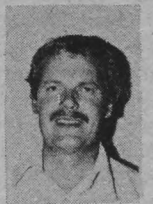
## Art Arnfinson Klondike Heir

The selection of the Klondike Heir and Heiress, the couple who will represent Edmonton seniors at official functions for the next year was the highlight of a busy seniors' day in July.

Chosen from among 13 contestants and awarded official plaques, medals, and a trip to California, were Art Arnfinson and Anne Boyea.

Art, a retired shipwright and carpenter, is a long-time member of the Icelandic Society. He was born and raised in Manitoba.

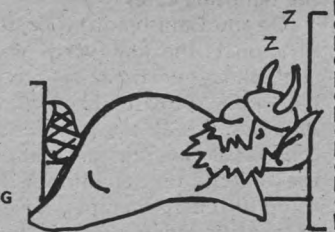
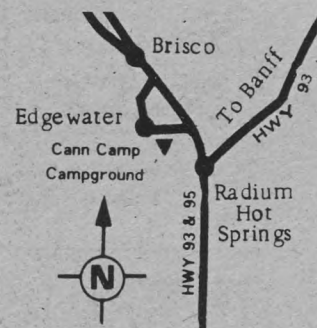
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The cross-country skiers can be found on the Norseman Ski Trail in Terwillager Park throughout the winter. The bowling league operates from September to April with a wind-up banquet in May.

Social functions are held throughout the year, with the highlight being the Lutfisk Smorgasbord in October of each year.

Monthly general meetings are followed by whist, bingo, etc., and of course a lunch is always served.

Requests for more information would be welcomed by either Doug Peterson, President — 466-9061 — or Gary Johnson, Membership Chairman — phone 484-1639.

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The famous "Green Roads of Denmark" winding through towns and villages, past farms and beaches, provide the backdrop for an ideal motoring vacation. Travelling by car in Denmark is one of the easiest and most enjoyable ways of combining country and city pleasures, seeing some of the world's most famous sights or just getting away from it all!

Denmark is ideally suited for auto touring. Distances are short. The villages are easily accessible and even the picturesque secondary roads are in excellent condition. And in all of the towns and villages, Danes are happy to meet and greet visitors.

By car, tourists can drive to the door of Denmark's major landmarks — Hamlet's castle at Elsinore, Hans Christian Anderson's home in Odense, the unique Old Town Open Air Museum at Aarhus and the 1000-year old town of Ribe.

In addition, the motorist can discover many of the country's less famous attractions. Tucked away in the freshly scrubbed, brightly painted villages are dozens of romantic inns and hundreds of ancient churches, many of which are more than 1000 years old. And, hidden in the old historic buildings of the towns are colorful local museums. Exhibits range from an array of vintage cars on the island of Lolland to a collection of bottled ships on the tiny island of Aero.

For those who don't care for museums, history comes to life in the narrow streets of Denmark's old towns, where one can explore the craft shops or the tempting cafes.

On any Danish auto tour, relaxation is the key word. You can take your time, set your own pace. Stop to explore or take pictures at any time. You can even leave your car right on the beach for an impulsive romp through foaming waves, or a walk along one of Denmark's sandy coasts. And, whenever you're tempted to stop at one of the fairytale inns, you're guaranteed a warm welcome and a sampling of Danish delicacies, in charming historic settings and, in some cases, even offering modern facilities for an overnight stay.

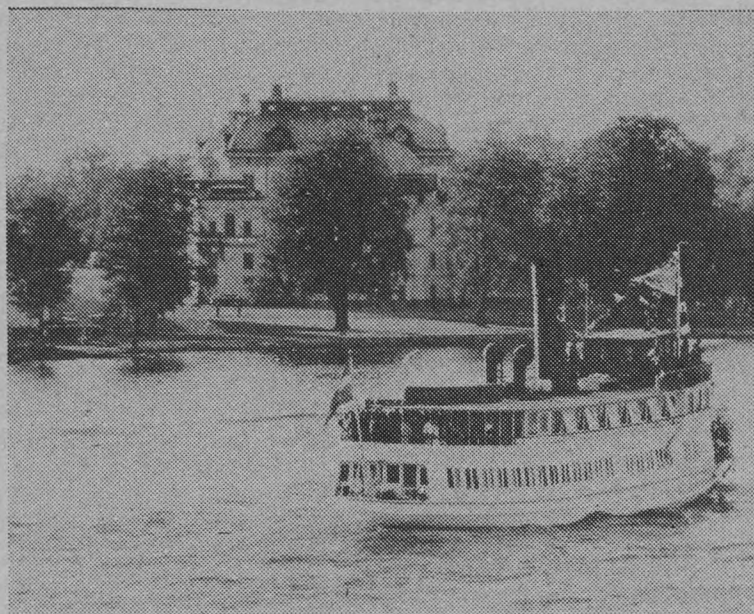
The Danes have used their ingenuity to make auto touring fun and easy. Road signs are illustrated. There is an abundance of small European cars for rent which allow easy access to even the tiniest villages. And there are the unique Danish ferry crossings that link the country's Jutland peninsula with its 500 islands. These ferries, that magically load and transfer 400 to 500 cars at one time, are a constant marvel to foreign visitors. Even the Danish government helps. To protect the beauty of its countryside, it was the first country to ban the use of outdoor advertising on roads.

Follow the green roads of Denmark. There are U-drive services at all of Denmark's airports and in its key cities and towns. Whether you want an adventure vacation or a leisurely one, driving through Denmark can give you exactly what you're thinking of — a vacation to remember for years to come.

Stockholm is proud of its clean waters — so clean that one can fish and swim right in the centre of the city. As a result there are no less than 50 public swimming places in the city proper.

The Theatre Where the Play is Not the Only Thing:

## Sweden's Unique Drottningholm Theatre Opens New Season



Sweden's stately Drottningholm Royal Palace with its world-famous 18th Century Court Theatre is a popular excursion from Stockholm by turn-of-the-century vintage steamers, cruising through central Stockholm and into the surrounding archipelago with its hundreds of islands.

Shakespeare may have said "The play is the thing", but that does not necessarily apply to the Drottningholm Court Theatre just outside Stockholm. This fascinating theatre can be thoroughly enjoyed without even seeing a play!

The theatre was built in 1766 but after a while it fell in disrepair and, like the legendary princess, the theatre was a "Sleeping Beauty" for well over a century, seeing such ignoble uses as a military dormitory and storage space for potatoes and grain. Now she has been restored to her original functions and glory. With less than a handful of 18th century theatres still in use, Drottningholm is one of Europe's leading cultural attractions.

During the season, this year running from May 24 to September 22, thousands of visitors from all over the world thrill at the opportunity of sitting in seats still bearing the name tags of the original proprietors, enjoying opera and ballet in surroundings where time has stood still for more than 200 years. Even the ushers and musicians are dressed in the silks and powdered wigs of the 18th century. The only bow to modernity is for safety reasons with electric lights replacing the candles.

The entire season usually sells out early. However, another of Drottningholm's attractions is the adjacent stately Palace, built in 1662 as a summer residence for Swedish royalty. Surrounding the palace are magnificent gardens, fountains, mazes, lily ponds and even a China Pavillion with a collection of Chinese dolls and porcelain.

Getting there can also be an interesting experience. Though public transportation is available, the ideal way is to take one of the old steamers that cruises from central Stockholm through the surrounding archipelago with its hundreds of lovely islands.

### FINNISH SOCIETY

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dancing under hundreds of balloons in a brightly decorated hall in the Scandinavian Centre.

For years the Society has had a lot of fun with the choir. Leader of the choir is Mr. Matti Erkkila, who also started the folk dancing rehearsals.

Rain, snow or shine the brave Finns head out to the lake for the annual Fishing Derby. Without a doubt the stories are bigger than the fish caught.

Last year our Finnish Consul, Mr. Christian Graefe, sponsored an Independence Day Dinner at the Scandinavian Centre, making the night a very memorable one.

Participation in Scandapades is also a part of each year's program. Months ahead of time the

Executive Committee starts organizing the singing, dancing, etc. That time of the year must be the busiest for the Finns taking part in Scandapades.

For years now the Society has had its Laskiainen in Elk Island Park. For all the outdoor people skiing, tobogganing and throwing snow balls is great fun and a healthy way to spend a Sunday out in the Park.

Anyone who is interested in taking part in our activities or parties is very welcome to join us.

For further information please call either the President, Mr. Pentti Sipari, at 462-7261, or Mrs. Anja Sahuri at 489-7515.



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**FINNISH SOCIETY**

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by Ann Sahuri

It was confirmed that the biggest fish at the Juhannus-picnic was caught by Paul Thurlin who will receive the trophy for this year.

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Summer visitors from Finland were among the guests at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Pentti Sipari, Mr. and Mrs. Jaakko Thurlin, Mr. and Mrs. George Tekoniemi, Mr. and Mrs. Veikko Leino, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri.

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Mrs. Aira Salomaa of Kelowna, B.C., sends her best regards to her friends in Edmonton. Also Marja Laine of Helsinki sends her greetings to all.

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## Scandinavian Desserts

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**You Will Need—**

- 1 envelope of gelatine
- ½ cup of water
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup of sugar
- juice and rind of 1 lemon

Put gelatine in ½ cup of water to dissolve over boiling water. Beat egg yolks separately with sugar, lemon juice, rind and gelatine mixture.

Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into gelatine mixture. Chill. Serve in large bowl decorated with whipping cream.

### HINDBAER FROMAGE

**You Will Need—**

- 1 envelope of gelatine
- small amount of cold water
- 1 pint raspberry juice
- 1 pint whipping cream
- sugar to sweeten if necessary

Soak gelatine in small amount of cold water. Add hot raspberry juice and stir till gelatine is dissolved. Add sugar to taste. Cool. When mixture starts to stiffen fold in 1½ cups whipped cream. Place in refrigerator to set.

Use remaining ½ cup whipped cream to top each dessert when ready to serve.

### RICE PUDDING

**You Will Need—**

- ½ cup water
- ½ cup rice
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 tspn. sugar
- ½ tspn. vanilla

Bring water to a boil. Add rice. Cover tightly and cook over low heat until all water is absorbed (18 - 20 minutes). Rinse in cold water and drain. Let cool.

Whip the cream and blend with the rice. Add sugar and vanilla. Serve with fresh berries, jam, canned fruit or with oranges peeled and cut up in small pieces.

### PRUNE PUDDING

**You Will Need—**

- ½ cup barley
- 1 qt. cold water
- 2 tspn. salt
- 2 tspn. butter or margarine
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tspn. cinnamon
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup cooked, de-pitted prunes

Put the barley in a strainer and rinse thoroughly under cold, running water. Place in a bowl with the 1 qt. of water and soak for several hours, or overnight.

When ready to prepare, drain the water from the barley into a saucepan, add the salt, and bring it to a boil. Add the barley and cook for 45 minutes, stirring frequently to keep from burning. When cooked, add the butter, sugar mixed with the cinnamon, and the milk, stirring well together. Fold in the prunes.

Put the pudding into a well-greased 1-quart baking dish and bake in a moderate oven for 40 - 45 minutes.

Serve hot or cold with rich cream.

## Development Near Primary Highways

A little known Provincial Government Act encountered only by land owners near provincial highways, is playing a quiet role in shaping the future of Alberta.

The Public Highways Development Act, administered by Alberta Transportation, which has its roots in the 1929 Public Highways Act, is designed to protect the public investment in the Province's primary highway system. It requires that proposed development within 1,000 feet of a highway right-of-way or within one-half mile of the centre of an intersection of a highway and another road be approved by permit from Alberta Transportation.

"The problem", said Dr. Hugh Horner, Deputy Premier and Minister of Transportation, "is that some citizens do not recognize the Act's existence and the planning guidance it provides for development near highways."

A new access or a change in

use of an existing access to a primary highway also requires the approval of the Transportation department.

"This does not mean that development or changes in these areas will be stopped", said Dr. Horner. "It means that proposals must be checked against highway plans to ensure that development and the highway do not conflict either now or in the future."

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## Hans Christian Andersen's drugstore is inexpensive

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The advent of the super drugstore in our neighbourhood has just about eliminated the eat-in drugstore. Denmark, however, still has a remnant of the era in Copenhagen, according to Scandinavian Airlines.

Founded in 1720, it was the corner drugstore for such illustrious Danes as Hans Christian Andersen, Ludvig Holberg and Peter Faber. They filled both their prescriptions and stomachs at this fine and inexpensive little cafe in the Latin Quarter. A visit to Det lille Apotek should be combined with a walk through the narrow streets of the Latin Quarter. Here visitors will find the Round Tower, built 500 years ago as an observatory; the Regensen student dormitory (look into the courtyard); the Cathedral (Frue Kirke) with Thorvaldsen's famous sculptures of the 12 apostles, and dozens of small shops full of rare books and antiques.

Det lille Apotek no longer dispenses drugs but ranks among Copenhagen's best, inexpensive eateries. The interior decor hasn't been altered in over 150 years. The old petroleum lamps, hand-painted windows and pictures are still the same as when some of Denmark's famous artists and writers frequented the little pub.

The bill of fare is substantial and very reasonable. For instance, for dinner you can have an appetizer of three types of herring for about \$1.70; the house stew deluxe with pork tenderloin in paprika sauce, peas, onions, sausages and french fries for about \$5.60; minute steak for about \$5.25; meatballs and potatoes for about \$3.00.

For about \$8.00 you can have peppersteak and baked potatoes for two persons, or Irish steak fried in whiskey for two at about \$9.00.

Lunch is even less expensive. Filet of Plaice (a delicious sole type fish) with mayonnaise and french fries costs about \$3.25; children's portions of meatballs and red cabbage about \$2.70; or sandwiches about \$1.00.

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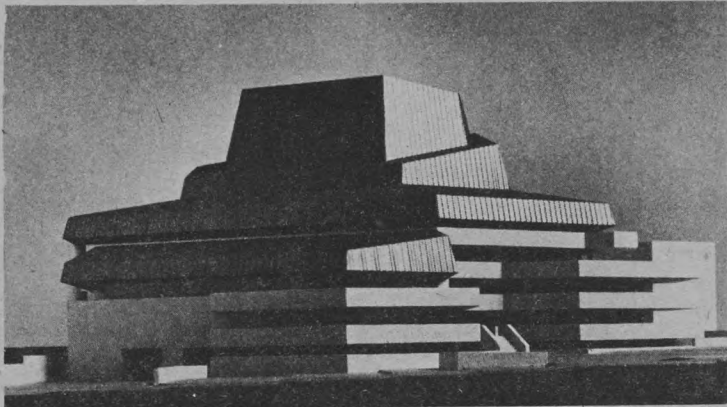


New Theatre To Rise in Reykjavik

Standing on the north side of the downtown Lake in Reykjavik there is an oldish-looking structure, clad with corrugated sheet metal. Its plainness belies the importance of the building — for this is IDNO, to all intents and purposes the cradle of theatre life in Iceland. It is the venerable playhouse of the Reykjavik Theatre Company, an organization celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. IDNO and the National Theatre are the only premises in the Capital where acting has been placed on a professional basis.

Fond memories apart, IDNO — with seating capacity of just over 200 — has long since ceased to be adequate to the needs of the very active Reykjavik Company: hence the dream of an up-to-date playhouse.

While it is now assured that the dream will come true, some time will pass before the envisioned facility opens its doors — a decade from now, according to present plans.



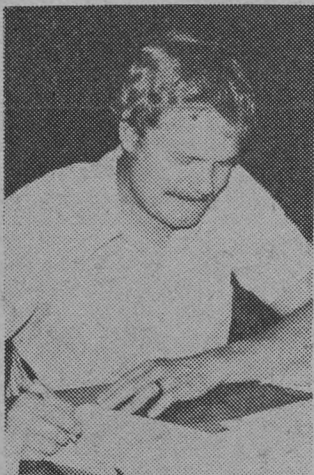
CONTEMPLATED REYKJAVIK THEATRE

**Theatre Company Specifications**

One interesting aspect is that the future repertoire theatre will be built to the exact specifications of the leaders of the Reykjavik Theatre Company. Well-known Icelandic architects drew up the plans: Gudmundur Kr. Gudmundsson, Olafur Sigurdsson — as well as Thorsteinn Gunnarsson, who is also an actor.

The main theatre is to accommodate 500, while a separate experimental theatre will seat 200. Because no new structures for the drama have been erected since the completion of the National Theatre in 1950, it is widely believed that just the anticipation of a full-fledged City theatre will give new incentives to all associated with play-acting.

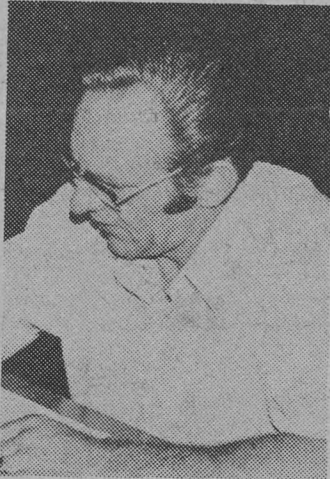
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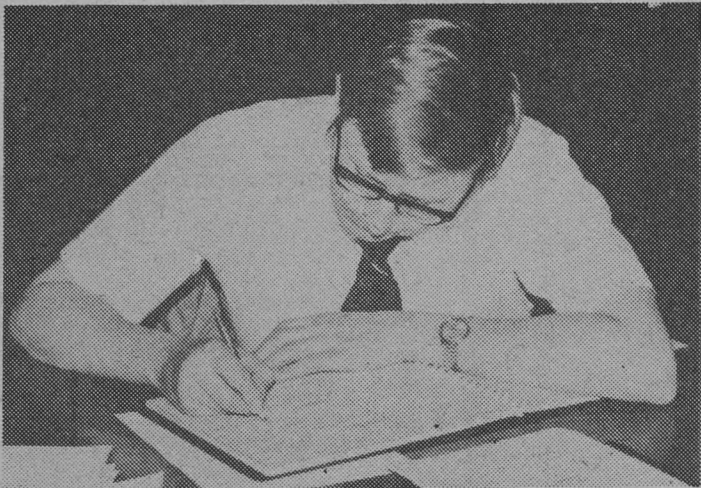
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Icelandic functions such as the Christmas party and the Marker-ville Picnic. They have been invited to sing at Gimli Islending-adagurinn, and at such places in Edmonton as the Provincial Museum. No special talent is required to be a member — just a love of singing and good com-

panionship.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, though presently inactive, has produced a cookbook — "The Swinging Gourmet" — and has convened bake sales and bazaars to raise money for the Society or for charitable purposes.

Members of the Icelandic Society who are shareholders of

the Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association are eligible to hold directorships of that Association.

Icelandic Society membership dues are \$5.00 per family. Inquiries will be welcomed by Membership Chairman, Gunnar Thorvaldson, phone 466-1570.

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

by Shirley Sigurdson

Here we are back from holidays and into the old routines. Hope everyone is rested and tanned, and rarín' to go!

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Elin and Hilmiir Agustson have spent six weeks in Calgary where Hilmiir attended a course at the University of Calgary.

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The few members of the Icelandic Society who were in Edmonton had the pleasure on July 18th of entertaining a group of people from one of the Icelandic charter flights, escorted by Gisli Gudmundsson. Art and Vi Arnfinson went on the bus tour of Edmonton with the visitors, and Art described the sights for them in Icelandic. Afterwards they stopped in at the Scandinavian Centre for coffee. It was good to be able to reciprocate even a little bit the hospitality shown towards Icelandic-Canadians in Iceland.

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Lara and Chris Hale are back in town — having spent Chris's sabbatical leave from the University of Alberta in Norway and Iceland.

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Those who remember Doreen and Peter Joachim will be pleased to hear that Doreen will be holding a recital in the Winnipeg Art Gallery on December 1st of this year. Half of the program will be in Icelandic.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thorsteinn Vilhjálmsson have moved to Edmonton from Reykjavik, Iceland. Mr. Vilhjálmsson is a carpenter and will be working for Nu-West Homes. They have four children: Svanur, Borgar, Sigrun and Smari. They are presently staying with Al and Martha Arnason.

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Get well wishes go to Don Camérón who has been in hospital.

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Ruth and Roy Johnson of Riverton, Manitoba, were here a few weeks ago to visit Ruth's brother and sister-in-law, Don and Mickey Shaw. While here, Roy went up to Lac La Biche to visit the New Dawn Log Cabins mill. He is starting a similar company in Manitoba.

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Shirley, Solli and Grant Sigurdson spent a month in Manitoba visiting families and friends.

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Hulda and Tom Yelic have

moved to Westlock. Their mailing address will be care of General Delivery.

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Neils Bjarnason and family will be moving to Morinville shortly.

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Al and Martha Arnason went to Aldergrove, B.C., to attend the wedding of Martha's nephew, Vince Hogan, on July 8th. He and his bride honeymooned in Scotland, her former home.

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Nina Campbell visited her father and step-mother, Ingi and Thruða Bjarnason, in Brandon, Manitoba, in July.

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Shirley and Solli Sigurdson attended the wedding of Shirley's cousin, John Sigurdson, in Calgary on July 23rd. John is a graduate of Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington, D.C. and he is a counsellor at Jericho Hill School for the Deaf in Vancouver, B.C.

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# West Vikings (Kamloops) Celebrate Anniversary

A most appropriate Anniversary was held on June 26th by the West Viking Society of Kamloops. It was the celebration of the Society's first year, with an all-day cruise and picnic on the Shuswap Lake.

Members and their families boarded Cassman's Cruiser at Blind Bay on Sunday morning. The "Mistaya" was fully loaded with about 45 Vikings for her maiden voyage on the Shuswap. The weatherman was most co-operative allowing ideal conditions all day, especially appreciated during the noon stop at the Sinnemousin Narrows picnic grounds.

The cruise later continued to the north end of Anstey Arm. While several motor boats and houseboats make use of this cruising paradise with its 1,000 miles of shoreline, the size of the lake makes it relatively untouched and therefore unspoiled.

After supper back at the picnic site, Scandinavian music filled the air, thanks to Skipper Mel Cassman and his accordion. Some of the more hardy, including President Thor Nystrom, took to the water for a swim.

After a shorter trip north into the Seymour Arm, the Vikings returned to Blind Bay and then were homeward bound. All were very satisfied with such an enjoyable and memorable event marking the Society's first milestone.

# Edmonton Hertiage Festival - 1977

by Astrid Hope  
Cultural Director, Sons of Norway

What a mosaic of Ethnic communities!

It was the second annual Heritage Festival and was held on Monday, August 1st. If last year was a success, this year was a success-plus. A crowd of around 80,000 people converged on Hawrelak Park by the river to view the exhibits, set up in three sections this year, of food, art and crafts, music and dance of more than 30 ethnic groups. There were two-hour-long concert stage productions at 2:00 and 6:30 p.m., and it was a beautiful, sunny day.

The opening ceremonies were at the main stage at 11:00 a.m. We heard short speeches by Hon. Horst Schmid, Minister of Culture; Mayor T.J. Cavanagh, Mayor of the City of Edmonton; and Robert Evans, President for the Heritage Festival Association. On stage was a Canadian Chain of about 30 individuals in ethnic costume. Astrid Hope represented the Norwegians.

There were all sorts of exotic gastronomic delights from around the world. There was everything from Croatian Raznjici (shishkabab), Rumanian meat balls (never tried them to compare with Norwegian meat balls), Polynesian roasted pig in a pit, German Bratwurst (fried sausage) with sauerkraut, Arabian Fatayer (onions, parsley, meat and pine nuts), Italian spaghetti (very popular), Chinese and Japanese (Fujiyama), to African Mango juice, Swiss cheeses, Austrian wine-tasting booth — and coffee was prevalent everywhere — just to mention a few of the over 100 foods offered.

With all that food, the pavilions ran out by 5:30 p.m. leaving many disappointed people. There were long line-ups at the near-by hot-dog stands (Canadian). Some families were munching out of a bag from a popular fast-food chain, and many had brought their own packed lunch.

## Arts and Crafts

Particular interest was shown in viewing the different arts and crafts. The Chinese had a herbal medicine display along with porcelain art objects. Marquetry (wood inlaid pictures) were shown in large array in the German pavilion. The Hungarians had a fire display of their costumes with exquisite embroideries, as well as Hungarian cook books and folk-embroidery "iron-on" patterns. The Japanese showed kites, dolls and jewellery, while the Romanians displayed tapestries, embroidery and beadwork. The Slovenians demonstrated wool-spinning and crocheting of national costumes, and the Arabs exhibited such hand-made items as costumes, swords, knives and authentic water-pipes — and there was much, much more to be seen at the approximately 35 pavilions.

## Musical Heritage

The musical heritage of Edmonton's ethnic communities was everywhere in evidence at this year's Heritage Festival. Most pavilions featured their own entertainment throughout the day — a 10-minute operetta at the Italian pavilion, and an 8-piece Latin-American band at the Columbian; children's folk dance troupe representing Poland; plus many others. The stage presentation held at the main stage had a great swarm of people parked on the grass in front of the grandstand. There the famed Chinese Lion Dance, the popular Irish-jig dancers, the Sakura Dancers of a 10-member traditional Japanese dance ensemble, performed. It was a most colourful and entertaining hour.

## Official Park Opening

At noon a special ceremony was held for the unveiling of the plaque to officially open Hawrelak Park, which was previously known as Mayfair Park.

## Working Together

Being a spectator at this event, one could not but feel a real togetherness, everyone working together side by side on a common theme. It was a grand mosaic of Canadianism ..... so many nations blended into one, and proud of it. It was just like a miniature trip around the world — an insight into the customs, culture, art and music of the many, many countries.

Group members left with a pledge to be bigger and better next year. Many remarked they missed us (Scandinavians) and they had come across the bare Scandinavian spot. Maybe next year!

## Reception

Preceding the activities at Hawrelak Park, Astrid Hope was hostess along with Michi Miyagishima, at a reception in the Jubilee Auditorium where lefse and sake and coffee were served to about 35 V.I.P.'s — among which was Linnea Lodge representing the Swedish for the Cultural Heritage Council. From there we all proceeded to the Heritage Festival.

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The second important group that have availed themselves of the new Finnair service are Finns living in Canada, that is, Canadians of Finnish extraction. This ethnic group comes modestly after several much larger nationalities in Canada. But these Finns are very much aware of their roots. Also, during the post-war years emigration from Finland to Canada was much larger than emigration from Finland to the United States.

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